



**Archdiocese of St. Louis  
Office of Sacred Worship  
Lectio Divina**

**The Common of Doctors of the Church - Alleluia Verse and Verse before the Gospel  
Lectionary: 730: Mt 5:13-19/Mt 7:21-29/Mt 13:47-52/Mt 23:8-12/Mk 4:1-10, 13-20/Mk 4:1-9/Lk 6:43-54**

Read the following passage four times.

- The first reading, simply read the scripture and pause for a minute.  
Listen to the passage with the ear of the heart. Don't get distracted by intellectual types of questions about the passage. Just listen to what the passage is saying to you, right now.
- The second reading, look for a key word or phrase that draws your attention.  
Notice if any phrase, sentence or word stands out and gently begin to repeat it to yourself, allowing it to touch you deeply. No elaboration. In a group setting, you can share that word/phrase or simply pass.
- The third reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*Where does the content of this reading touch my life today?*"  
Notice what thoughts, feelings, and reflections arise within you. Let the words resound in your heart. What might God be asking of you through the scripture? In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.
- The fourth reading, pause for 2-3 minutes reflecting on "*I believe that God wants me to . . . . . today/this week.*"  
Notice any prayerful response that arises within you, for example a small prayer of gratitude or praise. In a group setting, you can share your reflection or simply pass.

**Alleluia**

*Mt 5:16*

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

**Alleluia**

*Mt 23: 9b, 10b*

You have but one Father in heaven, You have but one master, the Christ.

**Alleluia**

*see Jn 6:63c, 68c*

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia**

*Jn 15:5*

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord: whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.

**Alleluia**

*see Acts 16:14b*

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia**

*1 Cor 1:18*

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Alleluia**

*1 Cor 2:7*

We speak God's wisdom, mysterious hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory.

**Alleluia**

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.